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The reply brief filed February 17, 2009 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

The 10/04/07 Request for Oral Hearing is acknowledged but is improper because it was not filed within 2 months of the 8/1/07 Examiner's Answer as required by 37 CFR 41.47.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin R Kruer whose telephone number is 571-272-1510. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30p.m. to 5:00p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye, can be reached at 571-272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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